

**Private Admonition -- Board Case No. 11, 1988. Date of Sanction: July 14, 1988.** Lawyer was a government employee who investigated alleged violations of law and, if warranted, took legal action to correct such violations. Lawyer left this position and entered private practice. A year later, client retained Lawyer to defend him against charges brought by Lawyer's former government employer. In connection with Lawyer's former employment, Lawyer had prosecuted client for the same allegedly unlawful conduct upon which the current charges were based.

Lawyer accepted a private admonition for having violated **DLRPC 1.11(a)**, which provides: "Except as law may otherwise expressly permit, a lawyer shall not represent a private client in connection with a matter in which the lawyer participated personally and substantially as a public officer or employee, unless the appropriate government agency consents after consultation." A mitigating factor was Lawyer's lack of a prior disciplinary record.